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In re Application of:
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For: HOSE CONNECTION ADAPTER

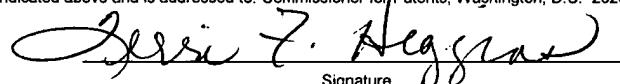
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**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

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A continuation application under Rule 53(b) (37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 10/085,176 filed on 27 February 2003 entitled "HOSE CONNECTION ADAPTER" is requested.

- Enclosed is a true copy of the prior application Serial No. 10/085,176 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings and declaration. The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which are attached are as follows:
- 18 page(s) of specification
 - 4 page(s) of claims
 - 1 page(s) of abstract
 - 10 page(s) of drawing
 - 2 page(s) of declaration

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- The inventor(s) of the invention being claimed in this application is(are): Jeffrey L. Young and Stuart V. Holsten.
- Please cancel in this application claims 2-21 of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one original independent claim has been retained.
- Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a continuation of Application Serial No. 10/085,176, filed on February 27, 2002, currently pending, which was a divisional of Application Serial No. 09/422,480, filed on October 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,370,730, which was a continuation in part of Application Serial No. 09/141,545, filed on August 28, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,115,881, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated by reference--.

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE: The Filing fee was calculated as follows:

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First Multiply Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$ 135.00	= \$ 0.00
Basic Fee			+ \$ 355.00	= \$ 770.00
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge the above filing fee and any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, Order No. 10872.0148.DVUS01. An additional copy of this sheet is enclosed for this purpose.

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- Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status for this application.
- (b) A Statement of Small Entity Status was established in the prior application.
- (c). A newly executed Small Entity Status is enclosed.
- The power of attorney in the prior application:
 - (a) The Power of Attorney appears in the original papers of the prior application.
 - (b) Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the Power of Attorney in the prior application filed on _____ is enclosed.
 - (c) A newly executed Power of Attorney is enclosed.
- The prior application is presently assigned to Emerson Electric Co., St. Louis, Missouri, USA.
- A copy of the recorded assignment is attached.
- A statement under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) has been filed in the parent application. A copy of this statement as filed in the parent application is attached.
- The Commissioner is hereby specifically requested to make the Information Disclosure Statement, as well as any prior art of record in the prior application(s), of record in connection with this application.
- Other: Application Data Sheet; return receipt postcard

Applicants hereby request for any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. Applicants' representative hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508, referencing Order No. 10872.0148.DVUS01.

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In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner directly contact the undersigned by telephone to further the discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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